



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 103***

LCO No. 1120

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE STATE FUNDED PILOT PROGRAM PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE SERVICES FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-342a of the 2006 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available  
5 appropriations, establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to  
6 allow [no] not more than [one hundred fifty] two hundred persons  
7 who are sixty-five years of age or older and meet the eligibility  
8 requirements of the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly  
9 established under section 17b-342, as amended, to receive personal  
10 care assistance provided such services are cost effective as determined  
11 by the Commissioner of Social Services. Persons who receive personal  
12 care assistance services pursuant to the pilot program established by  
13 section 47 of public act 00-2 of the June special session\* shall be  
14 included as participants of the pilot program established pursuant to  
15 this section. Personal care assistance under the program may be

16 provided by nonspousal family members of the recipient of services  
17 under the program.

18 (b) In conducting the pilot program, the commissioner or the  
19 commissioner's agent (1) may require as a condition of participation  
20 that participants in the pilot program disclose if a personal care  
21 assistant is a nonspousal family member, (2) shall monitor the  
22 provision of services under the pilot program, and (3) shall ensure the  
23 cost-effectiveness of the pilot program.

24 (c) The commissioner shall establish the maximum allowable rate to  
25 be paid for such services under the pilot program and may set a  
26 separate lower rate for nonspousal family members providing services  
27 as personal care assistants in the pilot program if deemed necessary by  
28 the commissioner to ensure cost effectiveness of the pilot program and  
29 to conduct the pilot program within available appropriations.

30 (d) Not later than January 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Social  
31 Services shall submit a report on the pilot program to the joint  
32 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
33 matters relating to appropriations and human services and to the select  
34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
35 relating to aging. The report shall include information on the quality of  
36 services provided under the pilot program and shall be submitted in  
37 accordance with section 11-4a.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |              |          |
| Section 1   | July 1, 2006 | 17b-342a |

***Statement of Purpose:***

To promote home health care as an alternative to institutional care by allowing an additional fifty individuals, age sixty-five or older, to participate in the state-funded personal care assistance pilot program.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*